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Containing Same

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated October 30, 2002, Applicants respectfully
request entry of the following amendment and consideration of the following remarks.

AMENDMENT

A clean version of the amended portions is attached as separate pages to this
Response.

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

5. (amended) A wet-laid nonwoven web material comprising a predominant
amount of unpulped long natural fiber bundles and a pulp fiber component, wherein the
unpulped long natural fiber bundles are comprised of a plurality of elementary fibers
substantially joined by natural binding agents.